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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action (paper No. 10) dated September 6, 2002. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (all of the claims, whether or not amended, are presented below for the Examiner's convenience):

1. (Amended) An isolated or recombinant polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a hepatitis C alternate reading frame.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

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